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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Yencho, Stephen A.; et. al.  
Assignee: Cardica, Inc.  
Title: Method and System for Attaching a Graft to a Blood Vessel  
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Examiner: Jessica R. Baxter Group Art Unit: 3731  
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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**

Dear Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. The RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is authorized in an accompanying transmittal letter.

Please consider the Amendment After Final that was submitted on June 4, 2004 but not entered. A copy of that Amendment After Final has been included for the convenience of the Examiner. Please contact the undersigned attorney with any questions. Thank you.

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Respectfully submitted,

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